

Early action on elected claims 1, 3-5, 12, and 14 is requested.

Claim 1 is in independent form.

Non-elected pending claims include claims 6, 11, 13, and 15.

In summary, it is believed that all outstanding matters have been addressed , and early action is requested.

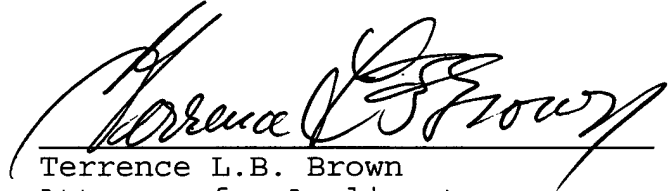
It is believed that no fee is due for this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, however, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 19-2105, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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